



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

Knox County, TN

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

Knox County (population 382,032) and the Development Corporation of Knox County were selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The target community is the City of Knoxville's federally designated Empowerment Zone (population 44,337). The unemployment rate in the zone is twice the county rate, and the poverty rate is 42 percent. The zone's 42 percent minority rate is more than double the city rate, and three and one half times the county rate. Nearly 30 percent of the Enterprise Zone's population is considered at-risk youth. The two target sites together represent almost 60 acres of mostly abandoned and underutilized properties. Because of the easy access to rail lines and the interstate highway, an available and

Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Knox County and the Development Corporation of Knox County for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to perform Phase I and Phase II investigations and develop cleanup plans for two sites along the I-275 business corridor in north Knoxville. Grant funds will also be used to conduct health risk assessments during and after redevelopment.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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<http://www.epa.gov/region4/waste/bf/index.htm>

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

trainable work force in the surrounding neighborhoods, and nearby industrial support services, these target sites represent a major opportunity for the community to attract new business. Redevelopment plans for the sites also include a greenway with walking paths and a neighborhood park.